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1.

Pit No 19

which is situated in a forest on the north-western side of the village of Zadni Chodov, [sic], is surrounded by a barbed wire fence. The road connecting the village of Zadni Chodov with Pit No 19 is also fenced on both sides by barbed wire because the pit is located in a prohibited border area. The pit is guarded by the workers' militia, a guard consisting of three men and one dog.

2. "Pit No 19 is supervised by the mining inspectorate in Horni Slavkov and the activity in the pit is checked daily by a Soviet mining expert.
3. "All explosives and carbide are obtained from a mining material repository at Horni Zdar. Pit No 19 produces 450,000 kg of medium quality uranium ore per day, and the mines of the Horni Slavkov district together produce 75% of the total production of the whole Slavkov and Jachymov mining district. The mined uranium ore is transported by seven-ton Tatra 111 trucks to Horni Zdar where it is cleaned and loaded onto trains called 'Vertecka'. Members of the Czechoslovak Security Corps guard the trains which cross Moravska Ostrava to Poland and the USSR. The Security Corps has its own personal car attached to the end of the cargo-train.
4. "There are no political prisoners employed at Pit No 19, and of 200 workers on each of three shifts, only 20 are experienced miners. The rest of the employees are brigadiers [sic] who have signed contracts to work in the uranium mines of Jachymov for one or two years. The workers are very discontented, especially with the low wages in effect after the currency reform. The following are the post-currency reform wages paid to the employees of Pit No 19:

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General worker	1,000 Crowns (per month)
Discount	200 Crowns
Net	800 Crowns (per month)
Experienced miner	1,500 Crowns (net, per month)
Mining Foremen and Mining Officers	2500 to 3000 Crowns (net, per month)

5. "Food in the workers' canteen is very bad and costs 3.60 Kcs for one meal which does not contain lard or butter.
6. "Another cause for worker-discontent was the fact that if one missed three shifts in a year, one could be sentenced to six months in jail with half that time spent working in a forced labor camp.
7. "Political education was obligatory for Communist Party members only.
8. "There is a military observation post on a small hill north of Chodov and about 300 meters from the village of Zadni Chodov. The post consists of a small building with a glass-wall tower, and a 20-meter high broadcasting station with an antenna. The entire area is enclosed by a barbed wire fence and guarded by four military guards and two dogs."

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch Map of Pit No 19 at Zadni Chodov with Legend

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"Legend for Enclosure (A)

- 1) Explosives depot
- 2) Workshops
- 3) Old compressor room equipped with eight old Soviet compressors
- 4) Mining tower
- 5) Machine house
- 6) Water tank
- 7) Electric center
- 8) New compressor room equipped with four electric compressors
- 9) Carbide depot
- 10) Dressing room
- 11) Offices
- 12) Testing geological research (drilling)
- 13) Gatekeeper's room
- 14) Shower room
- 15) Uranium ore depot
- 16) Abandoned open-cast mine
- 17) Wooden mining tower "

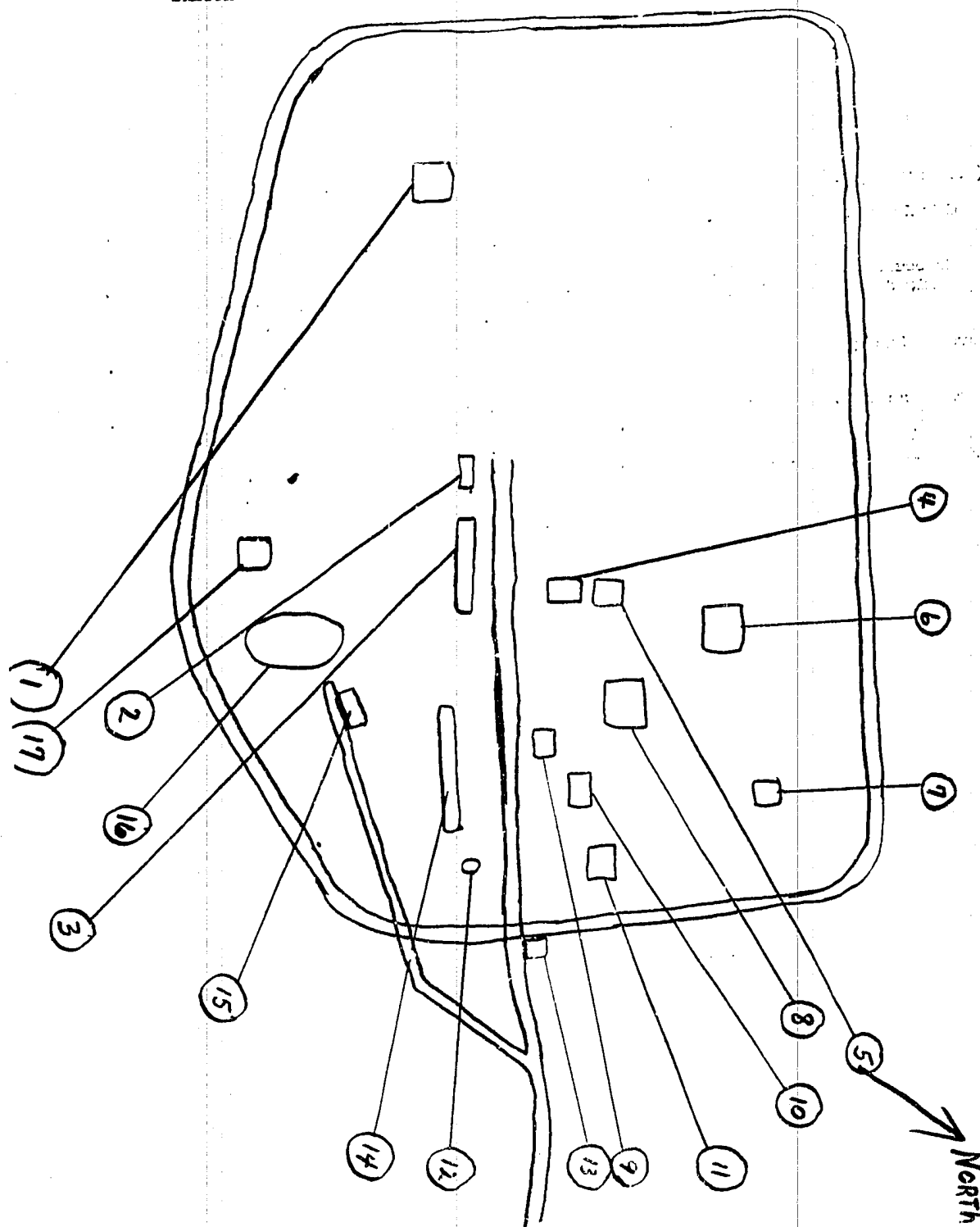
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